

Request for Follow-up Information and Response

1. Can you provide some background on the reasoning the original RFP was not awarded?

The new RFP attempts to reduce some high level requirements to cut costs and includes a project cap to guide vendors in submitting proposals. We also are seeking a breakdown of costs per the phases of the project, as we may proceed with Phase 1 only because of budget constraints.

2. There was a “public opening” for the original RFP ... was there anyone who was in attendance for the opening? If so to what degree was information shared (vendor names, prices, etc)? Has the responses been made public under the Open Records Act? This is a major concern that gives a competitive advantage to those that have this information. If only vendor names were provided during the opening, can you release this information to all vendors that initially responded so that there is no questioning of such a conflict?

There was one company representative present in the Board meeting where the proposals were opened. At the opening, no announcement was made as to which companies had submitted proposals; just the sealed packages were opened for 5 proposals received so that the review committee could proceed with evaluating and submitting a recommendation for an award (or non-award) for our Board. We have the document recommending no award for the previous process if you would like to request a copy (one page) of that and a Board Order accepting the recommendation (another page). One proposal was received after the deadline and not considered/evaluated. Of the proposals received by the deadline, an award was not recommended because the sole proposal/deemed compliant/responsive by the review committee far exceeded the agency's project budget.

We can provide copies of public records on the previous process should you make a public record request. We do not plan to post records online or meet individually with any vendors or discuss the previous process or proposal specifics with any vendors. The Board will charge \$1.00 per page on the copies.